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In re application of: Kyouichi SEKINE) Group Art Unit: N/A
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For: METHOD FOR INSPECTING FAT-SOLUBLE) Confirmation No.: 2497
VITAMIN AND/OR FAT-SOLUBLE FOOD FACTOR BY)
SALIVA ANALYSIS)

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Sir:

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Foreign Language Patent Documents:

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B2. JP2002-168848A June 14, 2002. (with English translation)

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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner indicate consideration of the cited references by returning copies of the attached forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B (substitutes for form 1449/PTO) with initials or other appropriate marks, and that the references be made of record as cited references in the application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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